

REMARKS

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Entry of the above amendments is courteously requested in order to place all claims in this application in allowable condition and/or to place the non-allowed claims in better condition for consideration on appeal.

Claims 4 through 27 remain in this application. Claims 1 through 3 have been cancelled. No claims have been withdrawn or added.

Paragraphs 1 through 3 of the Office Action

Claims 1, 4, 6, 7, and 8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Roesel, Jr. in view of Maruyama and Rose, Sr.

Claim 9 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Roesel, Jr. in view of Maruyama and Rose, Sr, and further in view of Muszynski.

Claim 1 has been cancelled.

Claims 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9 have been made dependent upon claim 16, which has been written into independent form and was indicated as being allowable in independent form.

Withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection of claims 4 and 6 through 9 is therefore respectfully requested.

Paragraph 4 of the Office Action

Claims 10 through 15, 18, and 19 through 27 have been allowed.

Paragraph 5 of the Office Action

Paragraph 5 of the Office Action states that claims 5, 16, and 17 would be allowable if written into independent form with the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The above amendment incorporates the limitations of claims 1 and 4 into the recitation of claim 5, and therefore claim 5 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

The above amendment incorporates the limitations of claim 1 into the recitation of claim 16, and therefore claim 16 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Claims 4, 6, 7, 8, and 9, by virtue of their dependency from amended claim 16, are also submitted to be in condition for allowance.

The above amendment incorporates the limitations of claim 1 into the recitation of claim 17, and therefore claim 17 is believed to be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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